

**270.10 Merger requirements.**

1. The state board of regents shall not merge the Iowa school for the deaf at Council Bluffs with the Iowa braille and sight saving school at Vinton or close either of those institutions until all of the following requirements have been met:

a. The department of management has presented to the general assembly a comprehensive plan, program, and fiscal analysis of the existing circumstances and the circumstances which would prevail upon the proposed merger or closing, together with data which would support the contention that the merger or closing will be more efficient and effective than continuation of the existing facilities. The analysis shall include a detailed study of the educational implications of the merger or closing, the impact on the students, and the opinions and research of nationally recognized experts in the field of the education of visually impaired and deaf or hard-of-hearing students. The comprehensive plan shall further include a study relating to the programming, fiscal consequences, and political implications which would result if either a merger or an agreement under [chapter 28E](#) should be implemented between the Iowa school for the deaf in Council Bluffs and comparable state programs in the state of Nebraska.

b. The general assembly has studied the plans, programs, and fiscal analysis and has reviewed their impact on the programs.

c. The general assembly has enacted legislation authorizing either the closing or the merger to take effect not sooner than two years after the enactment of the legislation.

2. This section shall not apply to an agreement related to the sale or transfer of the property of the Iowa braille and sight saving school at Vinton entered into between the state of Iowa and the city of Vinton.

[86 Acts, ch 1246, §132; 2017 Acts, ch 170, §24; 2020 Acts, ch 1102, §19](#)